

**Education and Workforce Development Cabinet**

# **KDLA's Barbara Teague to testify before congressional committee**

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FRANKFORT, Ky. - Kentucky State Archivist and Records Administrator Barbara Teague will testify before the U. S. House of Representatives Information Policy, Census and National Archives Subcommittee of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee on Wednesday, June 9, 2010.

Teague, the director of the Public Records Division at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA), currently serves as the vice-president/president-elect of the Council of State Archivists (CoSA) and will testify on CoSA's behalf at a hearing entitled "Strengthening the National Historical Publications and Records Commission."

CoSA represents the state archivists of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories.

"CoSA's mission is to strengthen state and territorial archives in their work to preserve America's historical records," said Teague. "One of CoSA's major partners in our efforts to preserve and provide access to the records of the American people is the National Historical Publications and Records Commission or NHPRC."

The NHPRC, the grant-making arm of the National Archives and Records Administration, encourages efforts by private organizations and government to preserve and make available for use those records that further the understanding and appreciation of American history. It accomplishes this mission through a direct grants program and through its support of records projects to promote

cooperative efforts among institutions and organizations, and to improve the knowledge, performance and professional skills of those who work with historical records.

The NHPRC began awarding grants for archives and records projects in 1976. To date, Kentucky has received \$2,444,758 from NHPRC for various records and publications projects. For a more detailed view of the grants awarded to Kentucky, please visit: <http://www.archives.gov/nhprc/projects/states-territories/ky.html>. CoSA, along with 11 other professional organizations, will be requesting additional financial support for the NHPRC.

For more information on NHPRC please visit its website: <http://www.archives.gov/nhprc>. For more information on CoSA, please visit its website: <http://statearchivists.org>.

The subcommittee hearing will be covered live on June 9 at 2 p.m. on the committee's website: <http://oversight.house.gov>.